

UPPER YORK CREEK DAM REMOVAL AND RESTORATION
CONTINUING AUTHORITY, SECTION 206

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The project is located approximately 60 miles north of San Francisco, in the City of St. Helena, Napa County, California. Upper York Creek Dam is an earthen dam built around the turn of the 20th century. Its reservoir served as a water supply for the City of St. Helena. The proposed project would create and restore approximately twelve acres of channel, riparian, and upland habitat within, and adjacent to, the dam. It would also reconnect approximately two miles of stream corridor habitat and associated upland habitat, improving water quality and rearing, resident, and migratory habitats for Federally listed threatened and endangered species, e.g.: steelhead. The non-Federal project sponsor is the City of St. Helena.

TOTAL FUNDING:

TOTAL COST:	\$ 3,850,000
FEDERAL COST:	\$ 2,500,000
NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$ 1,350,000

TOTAL FEDERAL COST THROUGH FY05:	\$ 900,000
FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET:	\$ 400,000
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$ 1,200,000

FY 05 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Identify the National Environmental Restoration plan and continue Detailed Project Report (DPR) effort.

FY 06 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Expect completion of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) in June 2006. Upon completion of the DPR, the District will initiate the Plans and Specifications project phase, and begin Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) negotiations. Projected project construction start in FY07.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: The local sponsor has highlighted several possible project solutions, including excavation of the existing York Creek earthen dam and accumulated sediment. San Francisco District is currently evaluating their proposed plan for geotechnical suitability. Other measures, such as reestablishment of the low flow channel and riparian plantings, as well as bioengineering methods to stabilize the creek and promote habitat, have also been proposed.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: 1st District, Rep. Mike Thompson

POINTS OF CONTACT: LTC Philip T. Feir, (415) 977-8500 and Deputy District Engineer for Civil Works, Arijis Rakstins (415) 977-8702

DISTRICT: San Francisco